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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDACY FOR INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE
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1. REQUEST FOR GOP SUPPORT FOR PROFESSOR RUBIN, VICE PROFESSOR BARNES AS MEMBER IAJC, PRESENTED MARCH 15 TO HUGO SAGUIER, FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGNIZATIONS AND TREATIES. SAGUIER INDICATED PARAGUAY INTENDS TO BACK ITS OWN CANDIDATE, SENATOR CARLOS AUGUSTO SALDIVAR, FOR SPOT ON IAJC IN 1975 AND HAS GIVEN AMBASSADOR SOLANO LOPEZ FULL LOGROLLING POWERS TO COMMIZUPARAGUAYAN 1974 AND 1975 IAJC VOTES IN EXCHANGE FOR SUPPORT FOR SALDIVAR.

2. IN VIEW SAGUIER'S SUGGESTION, EMBASSY BELIEVES SUBJECT OF PARAGUAYAN SUPPORT FOR PROFESSOR RUBIN BE EXPLORED IN WASHINGTON WITH AMBASSADOR SOLANO LOPEZ. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM.

3. SALDIVAR, 46, IS SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAYAN SENATE AND CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE RULING COLORADO PARTY'S NATIONAL COMMITTEE (JUNTA DE GOBIERNO) AND CLOSE TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER. HE HAS BEEN UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (1966-1968) AND HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL INTENATIONAL CONFERENCES. HIS FATHER IS
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PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. THE

EMBASSY BELIEVES SALDIVAR IS WELL QUALIFIED FOR IAJC
MEMBERSHIP. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, HE IS THE LEADING
CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED FOREIGN MINISTER SAPENA PASTOR SHOULD THE
LATTER BE NAMED OAS SECRETARY GENERAL. IN THIS CASE, OF COURSE,
SALDIVAR'S IAJC CANDIDACY WOULD LAPSE. COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC
DATA AS OF JANUARY 1972 ON FILE IN PARAGUAYAN BIOGRAPHIC
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